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RABIN INTERVIEW IN ISRAELI NEWSPAPER MA'ARIV

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(ALL PORTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARE CONTAINED TEXTUALLY.  
INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY DOV GOLDSTEIN)

(EXCERPTS) (QUESTION) MR PRIME MINISTER, IF YOU WERE ISRAEL'S  
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU PROPOSE TO  
YOUR GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE CRISIS IN U.S.-ISRAELI  
RELATIONS?

(ANSWER) THE ADVANTAGE LIES IN THE FACT THAT I NO LONGER AM  
ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT THE PRIME MINISTER,  
AND INSTEAD OF HAVING TO MAKE DO WITH GIVING AN AMBASSADOR'S  
COUNSEL AND RECOMMENDATIONS, I AM ABLE TO ACT IN THE WAY I DEEM  
NECESSARY. I DO NOT CONTEND THAT THERE IS A CRISIS IN U.S.-ISRAELI  
RELATIONS. IT IS TRUE THAT WE HAPPEN TO BE IN A PERIOD OF CERTAIN  
DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT  
HAS BEEN MADE ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPECIFYING  
THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE REASSESSMENT OF U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY  
NO DISCUSSIONS OF NEW ARMS DEALS WITH US WILL BE ENTERED INTO.  
IF THIS IS ONE OF THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE PERIOD OF DIFFERENCES  
OF OPINION THEN IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT SUCH THINGS HAPPENED  
AND SUCH PHENOMENA MANIFESTED THEMSELVES AT LEAST TWICE DURING  
MY SERVICE AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES. I AM GLAD TO NOTE  
THAT WE ARE NOT NOW IN A SITUATION LIKE THE ONE IN WHICH WE FOUND  
OURSELVES AFTER THE 6-DAY WAR, WHEN THE PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S  
ADMINISTRATION DECIDED ON A "SUSPENSION," MEANING A DEFERMENT OF  
CARRYING OUT LEGITIMATELY SIGNED ARMS DEALS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES  
AND ISRAEL. FOR AN UNINTERRUPTED INTERVAL OF APPROXIMATELY 6  
MONTHS, ALL ARMS SHIPMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO ISRAEL  
WERE THEN STOPPED. NO, THIS IS NOT THE SITUATION TODAY.

CURRENTLY OUR CHIEF EFFORT IN THE UNITED STATES MUST BE CENTERED  
ON TWO PRINCIPAL LEVELS: THE FIRST TASK IS A DETAILED AND FULL-FLEDGED  
INFORMATION CAMPAIGN AIMED AT THE ENTIRE AMERICAN PUBLIC,  
EXPLAINING WHAT REALLY HAPPENED DURING THE TALKS WITH EGYPT MEDIATED  
BY DR KISSINGER, WHY THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE STOPPED, AND WHO BROKE  
THEM OFF IN POINT OF FACT. I BELIEVE THAT IN THIS RESPECT THE  
CONVICTION HAS REACHED THE MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC--JEWISH  
AS WELL AS NON-JEWISH--THAT THE TALKS WERE BROKEN OFF BY THE EGYPTIANS  
AND THAT ISRAEL DEMONSTRATED FLEXIBILITY AND READINESS TO LOOK  
FOR VARIOUS MEANS TO ACHIEVE AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND  
ISRAEL. IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT ISRAEL'S CREDIBILITY IN  
THE EYES OF AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION BE MAINTAINED AND FOSTERED,  
AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT REGARDING THE QUESTION OF WHO WAS  
GUILTY OF THE SUSPENSION OF THE TALKS, AND WHY ISRAEL WAS UNABLE TO  
ACCEPT THE EGYPTIAN DEMANDS WITHOUT APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION.

THE SECOND LEVEL IS THE POLITICAL ONE. I AM REFERRING TO PRINCIPAL  
PERSONALITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION BOTH IN THE EXECUTIVE AND  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES. HERE THE CONFRONTATION IS OVER THE CONTENT  
OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, OVER THE POSITIONS OF THE  
ADMINISTRATION IN EVERY SPHERE, AND HERE WE HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE  
A FIRM STAND IN OUR POSITIONS.

THE FIRST TARGET OF OUR STRUGGLE ON THESE TWO LEVELS--AMERICAN  
PUBLIC OPINION AS WELL AS OUR RELATIONS WITH THE ADMINISTRATION--  
IS TO ARRIVE AT A COLLING OFF PERIOD IN THE TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES, A TENSION THAT WAS GENERATED FOLLOWING THE SUSPENSION  
OF THE TALKS. THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS PERIOD IS TO BRING ABOUT AN  
ACTUAL STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS, THE WAY THEY WERE BEFORE DR  
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COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL ARE A CONDITION FOR PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE AND FOR PREVENTING WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SHOULD THE ARABS BE MISLED INTO THINKING THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SEVERING ITS TIES WITH ISRAEL, EVEN IF ONLY TO A NEGLIGIBLE EXTENT, THIS WOULD INTENSIFY THEIR INFLEXIBLE POLITICAL STAND AND WOULD THEREBY PREVENT ANY PROSPECT OF PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE. FURTHERMORE, SUCH AN ARAB FEELING THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS CHANGING ITS MIDDLE EAST POLICY TO THE DETRIMENT OF ISRAEL AND HARMING THE SPECIAL TIES EXISTING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL, WOULD FOSTER AMONG THE ARABS THE ILLUSION THAT THE PROPER CONDITIONS FOR A RENEWAL OF THE WAR BY THE ARABS HAD BEEN CREATED.

I AM CONVINCED THAT NEITHER THE UNITED STATES NOR ISRAEL WANTS SUCH A SITUATION TO COME ABOUT. ONLY AFTER A PERIOD DURING WHICH THE ROUGH EDGES IN RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN SMOOTHED OUT WILL IT BE POSSIBLE, WILL IT BE IMPERATIVE, TO OPEN A NEW CHAPTER IN EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITIES AND PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESSING TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

I BELIEVE IT IS WITHIN OUR POWER TO ACHIEVE THESE TWO AIMS IF WE CONDUCT OURSELVES SENSIBLY AND CALMLY. MY IMPRESSION, GAINED FROM BOTH U.S. PUBLIC OPINION AND FROM REACTIONS OF KEY PERSONALITIES IN VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION, GIVES ME REASON TO ASSUME THAT WE ARE ON THE RIGHT PATH. I WOULD EXPECT THAT OUR COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA AND THE ENTIRE PUBLIC WILL NOT GIVE WAY TO

NERVOUSNESS BECAUSE OF A SINGLE UTTERANCE BY ONE AMERICAN PERSONALITY OR ANOTHER FROM TIME TO TIME.

(QUESTION) WHAT, IN YOUR VIEW, WILL THE RESULTS OF THE REASSESSMENT OF U.S. POLICY IN OUR REGION BE? SINCE NO OTHER COUNTRY OF SUBSTANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS AS DEPENDENT ON THE UNITED STATES AS ISRAEL, IS IT NOT SELF-EVIDENT THAT ANY CONCLUSION NECESSITATING A CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR ISRAEL?

(ANSWER) THE RESULTS OF THE REASSESSMENT BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL TO A GREAT EXTENT BE DETERMINED BY OUR STAND, OUR SUCCESS IN THE TWO-LEVEL CONFRONTATION--WITH PUBLIC OPINION AND WITH MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONGRESS. IN TRUTH, IT IS NOT JUST THIS CONFRONTATION THAT WILL DETERMINE THE RESULTS OF THE REASSESSMENT--OUR STAND WILL HAVE A DECISIVE INFLUENCE AS WELL. SINCE I HAVE FAITH IN OUR ABILITY TO PERSEVERE, AND SINCE I AM CONVINCED THAT A STRONG ISRAEL IS ALSO AN AMERICAN INTEREST, AID TO ISRAEL, IN ITS CHIEF COMPONENTS, WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE AS IN THE PAST. REGARDING THE SUPPLY OF ARMS, THERE HAVE BEEN DIFFICULTIES IN THE PAST, AND WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN OVERCOMING THEM. WE SHALL OVERCOME THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES, TOO. AS FOR FINANCIAL AID, I BELIEVE WE SHALL RECEIVE GREATER FINANCIAL HELP FROM THE UNITED STATES THAN WE HAVE RECEIVED SO FAR, ALTHOUGH IT IS SENSIBLE TO ASSUME, SOMETHING THAT HAS ALSO BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST, THAT WE SHALL NOT GET ALL THE AID WE ASKED FOR. AS FOR THE POLITICAL POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES, I DO NOT EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES, BECAUSE

I BELIEVE THAT THE AMERICAN INTEREST IS TO HAVE PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE, TO SEEK WAYS TO PREVENT WAR AND A DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE CENTRAL POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE ENDEAVORS TO ACHIEVE PEACE.

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XXX TO ACHIEVE PEACE.

(EXCERPTS) (QUESTION) DO YOU ENTERTAIN HOPES THAT THE KISSINGER-ALLON TALK WILL MARK A FIRST STEP IN OVERCOMING THE GLOOMY ATMOSPHERE THAT HAS ARISEN IN ISRAELI-U.S. RELATIONS?

(ANSWER) THE CENTRAL CONSIDERATION IN THE DECISION REGARDING ALLON'S TRIP WAS THE INFORMATIONAL EFFORT AND THE INTENSIFICATION OF JEWISH MANIFESTATIONS OF WILLINGNESS TO HELP ISRAEL. ALLON WILL MEET IN REGIONAL RALLIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES WITH JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS AND WITH NON-JEWISH AMERICAN LEADERS AND PUBLIC FIGURES. IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT AFTER THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S OVERSEAS TRIP HAD BEEN DECIDED UPON, HE WOULD BE INVITED TO MEET DR KISSINGER. IN THESE TALKS ALLON WILL PRESENT TO DR KISSINGER THE PICTURE OF THE SITUATION AS IT IS VIEWED BY ISRAEL, BASED ON THE EXISTING DECISIONS OF THE CABINET. ALLON WILL WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THE PROCESSES OF THE U.S. REASSESSMENT FROM DR KISSINGER. IT IS IMPORTANT, IN MY VIEW, FOR ISRAEL TO BE IN A POSITION IN WHICH IT KNOWS WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE COURSE OF THIS PROCESS.

(QUESTION) DO YOU SHARE IN THE ASSESSMENT THAT AS-SADAT'S INFLEXIBLE STAND IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT FAILED STEMMED, TO A LARGE EXTENT, FROM HIS CONFIDENCE THAT KISSINGER WOULD DO HIS WORK FOR HIM AND EXTORT FAR-REACHING CONCESSIONS FROM ISRAEL WITHOUT AN EGYPTIAN QUID PRO QUO?

(ANSWER) AS-SADAT'S BASIC PURPOSE HAS BEEN AND REMAINS TO ACHIEVE THE POLITICAL GOALS HE SHARES WITH OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES--MEANING, ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO PRE-6-DAY WAR LINES, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN

\*ARAFAT-LED STATE IN JUDAEA, SAMARIA AND THE GAZA STRIP, AND ALL THIS WITHOUT GIVING REAL PEACE IN RETURN. IN THIS RESPECT,

NO CHANGE HAS OCCURRED AS FAR AS AS-SADAT IS CONCERNED.

PRIOR TO THE YOM KIPPUR WAR, AS-SADAT WAS CONCENTRATING ON ATTAINING THIS OBJECTIVE BY MILITARY MEANS, AND ACCORDINGLY, HE WAS RELYING MORE ON THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH WAS SUPPLYING HIM WITH AN ABUNDANCE

OF ARMS. AFTER THE YOM KIPPUR WAR, AS-SADAT HAS BEEN CONCENTRATING ON AN ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE THE SAME OBJECTIVES BY POLITICAL MEANS. THE ONLY POWER ABLE TO HELP HIM IN THIS IS THE UNITED STATES, SINCE ONLY IT, IN AS-SADAT'S VIEW, HAS THE POWER AND ABILITY TO FORCE ISRAEL TO AGREE TO WHAT HE, AS-SADAT, DESIRES. ANYONE WHO HAS

FOLLOWED THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT'S INTERVIEWS AND STATEMENTS CANNOT IGNORE THE EMPHASIS HE PLACES ON HIS WORDS AIMED AT THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES IS THE COUNTRY THAT SUSTAINS ISRAEL AND IT IS BEYOND HIM TO COMPREHEND WHY IT WILL NOT MAKE USE OF ITS ABILITY TO EXERT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO MAKE IT RESPOND TO AS-SADAT'S DEMANDS.

AS-SADAT IS NOT RELINQUISHING THE BUILDING AND FOSTERING OF THE MILITARY OPTION, BUT AS LONG AS HE HAS NOT REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT ALL HIS ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED--ENLISTING AT THE SAME TIME THE ENTIRE ARAB WORLD, EUROPE AND "THIRD WORLD" COUNTRIES TO MAKE THE UNITED STATES ATTAIN POSITIVE AND TANGIBLE RESULTS FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW--HE WILL CONTINUE TO SEE IN THIS SPHERE HIS PRINCIPAL TASK, HIS CENTRAL FIELD OF ACTIVITY. I REPEAT AND EMPHASIZE THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN AS-SADAT'S APPROACH TO FORESTALL PARALLEL PREPARATION OF HIS MILITARY MIGHT FOR THE MOMENT WHEN HE DECIDES THAT THE TIME FOR THAT.

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CASTLES IN THE AIR, WHAT MADE HIM THINK THAT THE UNITED STATES,  
INSTEAD OF REMAINING A FRIEND TO ISRAEL, WOULD PERFORM THE TASK OF  
SQUEEZING ISRAEL SO THAT HE, AS-SADAT, COULD SATE HIMSELF WITH THE  
JUICE?

(ANSWER) IN MY EVALUATION, AS-SADAT'S HOPE THAT THE UNITED  
STATES WILL EXERT SUCH PRESSURE ON ISRAEL THAT IT WILL BE FORCED  
TO SAY YES STEMS FROM THE CONCLUSION OF THE YOM KIPPUR WAR.

AS-SADAT KNOWS THAT HE HAS THE UNITED STATES TO THANK FIRST AND  
FOREMOST FOR THE RESCUE OF THE 3RD ARMY. THE SOVIET UNION WAS

INCAPABLE OF SAVING THE 3RD ARMY. THIS WAS DONE BY THE UNITED  
STATES. SINCE THEN, AS-SADAT HAS MODIFIED EGYPT'S POSITIONS TO A  
CERTAIN EXTENT, TAKING U.S. INTERESTS INTO CONSIDERATION. HIS  
POLICY IS TO RAISE HOPES IN THE UNITED STATES THAT THROUGH EGYPT IT  
WILL BE POSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE POWER AND WEIGHT  
THE SUPERPOWERS HAVE IN THE ARAB WORLD, A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER  
FOR THE UNITED STATES. HENCE, AMERICAN INTERESTS ARE FORTIFIED

BY FOSTERING RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND WITH AS-SADAT. THE AMERICANS  
SEE IN THE STRENGTHENING OF THEIR MIDDLE EAST POSITION, OR IN THE  
PROSPECT OF STRENGTHENING THIS POSITION BY A FURTHER, MORE CONSIDERABLE  
EXTENT, SOMETHING THAT ISRAEL MUST ALSO BE INTERESTED IN. DR KISSINGER  
TELLS US OPENLY AND EXPLICITLY THAT SUCH AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE POSITION  
OF THE UNITED STATES "WILL BE GOOD FOR YOU, TOO."

BUT WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING FOR THE AMERICAN NEED, AND FOR  
THE AMERICAN DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN ITS RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND WITH  
OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ISRAEL CANNOT GIVE UP ITS VITAL  
POSITIONS FOR THIS GOAL.

(QUESTION) WOULD YOU SAY THAT THE IDENTITY OF INTERESTS  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EGYPT IS CURRENTLY MORE PROMINENT  
THAN THE IDENTITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL?

(ANSWER) NO, NOT FAR FROM IT! THE DANGER LIES IN THE AMERICAN  
ILLUSION THAT AS-SADAT WILL INDEED CHANGE HIS CHARACTER SUBSTANTIALLY.  
ANYWAY, ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER ITS MOVES AND ITS POSITIONS  
ACCORDING TO ITS OWN SOVEREIGN INTERESTS.

(QUESTION) IN THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT, IS THERE,  
OR IS THERE NOT, AN EGYPTIAN COMMITMENT TO ALLOW TRANSIT OF ISRAELI  
GOODS THROUGH THE SUEZ ONCE THE CANAL IS OPENED?

(ANSWER) IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT,  
WE RECEIVED AN EXPLICIT PLEDGE, THE EXACT VERSION OF WHICH I DO  
NOT WANT TO DISCLOSE, THAT WHEN THE CANAL IS OPENED, THE TRANSIT  
OF GOODS TO AND FROM ISRAEL WILL BE ALLOWED.

(QUESTION) WHAT WILL ISRAEL DO TO HAVE THIS PLEDGE IMPLEMENTED?

(ANSWER) ISRAEL WILL UTILIZE ITS POLITICAL CONNECTIONS TO SEE  
THAT THAT COMMITMENT IS FULFILLED.

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XXX COMMITMENT IS FULFILLED.

(EXCERPTS) (QUESTION) YOU SAID RECENTLY THAT IF ISRAEL HAS THE ARMS IT REQUIRES IT WILL NOT NEED TO INITIATE A PREVENTIVE WAR. SUPPOSE IT DID NOT HAVE THESE ARMS?

(ANSWER) I HAVE SAID THAT AS LONG AS WE HOLD THE PRESENT LINES AND HAVE THE NECESSARY TOOLS TO INSURE THE IDF'S STRENGTH, WE WILL NOT NEED A PREVENTIVE WAR. SINCE I BELIEVE THAT THE TOOLS NECESSARY FOR THE IDF WILL BE FOUND, THERE IS NO GROUND FOR A HYPOTHETICAL ANSWER DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I HAVE SAID.

(QUESTION) BUT IF AS-SADAT AGREES TO A DEEP ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT PROMISING TO END THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY, ONE OF THE CONDITIONS WILL BE CANCELLED AND ISRAEL WILL BE IN OTHER LINES--NOT AS GOOD AS THE ONES IT IS IN AT PRESENT.

(ANSWER) TRUE, BUT WE WILL BE FOUND NOT ONLY IN DIFFERENT LINES, BUT ALSO IN A DIFFERENT SITUATION IN REGARD TO RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, IN A DIFFERENT SYSTEM OF RELATIONS WITHIN THE ARAB WORLD, AND EVEN IN A DIFFERENT SYSTEM OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ONE OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS AND EGYPT.

(QUESTION) AND WOULD YOU SEE ALL THIS AS A SIGNIFICANT WORSENING IN ISRAEL'S STRATEGIC POSITION?

(ANSWER) SINCE I AM PREPARED FOR A TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE IN SINAI IN RETURN FOR A POLITICAL QUID PRO QUO, I FEEL THAT EGYPTIAN ACCEPTANCE OF OUR PROPOSAL WOULD BE SOME PROGRESS TOWARD CALMING THE REGION AND A MORE REASONABLE CHANCE OF ADVANCING TOWARD PEACE.

(QUESTION) IS THERE PRACTICAL PROOF THAT THE ARMS THAT ISRAEL EXPECTED TO RECEIVE FROM THE UNITED STATES ARE NOT ARRIVING NOW?

(ANSWER) ONE MUST DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN ARMS FOR WHICH SUPPLY CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED--THESE ARE ARRIVING REGULARLY AND I AM CONVINCED THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO ARRIVE--AND THE SUSPENSION OF THE SIGNING OF CONTRACTS FOR ADDITIONAL ARMS UNTIL THE REASSESSMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

(QUESTION) WILL AMERICAN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PARTIAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL CONTINUE SHORTLY?

(ANSWER) I AM CONVINCED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR NEW INITIATIVES TO ADVANCE TOWARD PEACE. SO FAR IT IS KNOWN THAT THE UNITED STATES PREFERS PROGRESS

TOWARD PEACE IN STAGES RATHER THAN GOING TO GENEVA TO ACHIEVE AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, SHOULD CONDITIONS FOR THE POSITIVE CONCLUSION OF AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL NOT BE FOUND, THE UNITED STATES WILL DO A CAN TO SET UP AN ACTIVE POLITICAL PROCESS BY OTHER MEANS.

(QUESTION) DO YOU STILL BELIEVE THERE IS A CHANCE TO ACHIEVE AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT?

(ANSWER) IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TODAY TO REACH AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT EGYPT IS PREPARED TO CHANGE ANY OF ITS STANDS--AND THE SAME GOES

FOR ISRAEL. IN ORDER TO REEXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF REACHING AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO

WAIT FOR PERIOD DURING WHICH A RESTORATION OF THE OLD SITUATION IN ISRAELI-U.S. RELATIONS CAN BE ACHIEVED, AND A NEW CHAPTER IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT--SHOULD THIS BE POSSIBLE--CAN BE OPENED. WITHOUT THIS, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO SEE HOW AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT CAN BE REACHED. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE WAY TO AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT WILL BE THROUGH THE CONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. THIS COULD BE A BENEFICIAL MOVE, ASSUMING THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE PREPARED AND THAT AFTER ITS CONVENING A NEW ROUND OF TALKS WITH EGYPT ON REACHING AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT WILL BEGIN.

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THIRD ADD 96 (RABIN INTERVIEW)

XXX SETTLEMENT WILL BEGIN.

(EXCERPTS) (QUESTION) THE ISRAELI DECLARATION THAT IN RETURN FOR NONBELLIGERENCY ISRAEL WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE A DEEPER WITHDRAWAL THAN THAT DISCUSSED DURING KISSINGER'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY--IS THIS NOT A MEANS OF STAVING OFF AMERICAN PRESSURE AND AN ATTEMPT TO CATER TO THE VIEWS OF PRESIDENT FORD AND DR KISSINGER?

(ANSWER) THAT IS NOT EXACTLY SO. I ANNOUNCED OVER A AN AMERICAN TELEVISION NETWORK AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR OUR READINESS TO WITHDRAW EAST OF THE PASSES AND SOUTH OF THE OIL FIELDS IN ABU RUWAYS IN RETURN FOR AN END TO THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY. THIS WAS BEFORE DR KISSINGER BEGAN HIS MISSION.

ALSO, DURING DR KISSINGER'S VISIT AND FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL, THIS POSSIBILITY WAS PRESENTED TO THE EGYPTIANS THROUGH DR KISSINGER. THE EGYPTIANS REJECTED THE PROPOSAL OUT OF HAND, EVEN WITHOUT GOING INTO ITS DETAILS. IN MY INTERVIEW ON AMERICAN TELEVISION I DID NOT STATE ANY CERTAIN WITHDRAWAL LINE. THIS WAS NOT ACCIDENTAL. I WANTED TO LEAVE

THIS SUBJECT OPEN FOR NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD EGYPT AGREE TO DISCUSS A MORE COMPREHENSIVE INTERIM SETTLEMENT ON THE BASIS OF ENDING THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THIS POSSIBILITY WAS ALMOST NOT DISCUSSED AT ALL. THE EGYPTIANS CATEGORICALLY REJECTED ANY SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE ENDING OF THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY. CONSEQUENTLY, MOST OF THE TALKS THROUGH DR KISSINGER DURING HIS LAST MISSION REVOLVED AROUND A LIMITED INTERIM SETTLEMENT THAT DID NOT INCLUDE THE ENDING OF THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY.

(QUESTION) THIS IS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT PAST. WHAT ABOUT THE SITUATION NOW? WHAT IS ISRAEL PROPOSING AT PRESENT?

(QUESTION) OUR BASIC STANDS REMAIN UNCHANGED, AND IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT THREE POSSIBILITIES OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT HAVE BEEN OFFERED: NEGOTIATIONS ON A SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT; NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMPREHENSIVE INTERIM SETTLEMENT IN RETURN FOR THE ENDING OF THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY; AND NEGOTIATIONS ON A LIMITED INTERIM SETTLEMENT IN RETURN FOR AN UNDERTAKING TO REFRAIN FROM THE USE OF FORCE AS A MEANS OF SOLVING THE CONFLICT.

(QUESTION) IF EGYPT CHOOSES THE SECOND WAY--THAT IS, A COMPREHENSIVE INTERIM SETTLEMENT, WHICH INCLUDES THE ENDING OF THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY--WOULD ISRAEL BE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW DEEPER THAN IT WAS PREPARED TO WITHDRAW DURING KISSINGER'S MISSION?

(ANSWER) WITHOUT GOING INTO THE DETAILS OF THE LINES, SHOULD THERE BE AN EGYPTIAN READINESS TO DISCUSS AN AGREEMENT WITH US ON THE BASIS OF ENDING THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY, I BELIEVE THAT THE EGYPTIANS WOULD FIND US PREPARED TO MAKE MANY TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL DEFINITIONS WE POINTED OUT EARLIER.

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XXX POINTED OUT EARLIER.

(EXCERPTS) (QUESTION) MORE THAN ONCE YOU HAVE DEFINED KISSINGER PUBLICLY AS A FRIEND OF ISRAEL, AND PRIVATELY, YOU HAVE SAID EVEN MORE THAN THIS. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MAN? DID

YOU NOT FIND A PSYCHOLOGICAL NEED TO ASK THE MAN WITH SOME KIND OF ASTONISHMENT--TO CRY OUT: HOW FAR? OR WOULD YOU PREFER A DIFFERENT VERSION: REPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES SAY THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY AFFECTED. WERE YOU PERSONALLY AFFECTED BY DIFFERENT EXPRESSIONS HE MADE TO YOU?

(ANSWER) I DO NOT THINK THAT THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR A PUBLIC CONFRONTATION OVER THE STRUCTURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP WITH DR KISSINGER. EMPHATICALLY, I DO NOT FAVOR SUCH A CONFRONTATION ON A PERSONAL BASIS, WITH PERSONAL CRITICISM. ALSO, THIS RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE. EVEN WHEN THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WITH DR KISSINGER, ONE SHOULD ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND THAT THEY ARE NOT RELATED TO THE INDIVIDUAL, BUT TO THE POST WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL OCCUPIES.

I BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE CAN PREVAIL OVER MOODS. AND WITH YOUR PERMISSION I WANT TO STOP WITH THIS REMARK.

(QUESTION) SINCE THE REPORT OF THE CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE HAS LEAKED OUT, PERHAPS YOU CAN DISPERSE THE FOG A LITTLE BY SAYING WHETHER THERE WAS ANY SIGN DURING THE TALKS OF AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, OR ANY PROGRESS TOWARD RESUMING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS?

(ANSWER) I DO NOT INTEND TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE REPORTS PUBLISHED ON THIS SUBJECT. I FEEL THAT WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR ISRAEL IS TO SEARCH EVERY AVENUE TO ACHIEVE CONTACT WITH COUNTRIES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE REGION--COUNTRIES THAT HAVE NO OPEN CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL.

SINCE I ATTACH SUCH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE RESUMPTION AND FOSTERING OF SUCH CONTACTS, THE VERY PUBLICATION HARMS THE CHANCES OF ESTABLISHING THESE CONTACTS AND OF MAKING PROGRESS IN THEM.

AS REGARDS THE SOVIET UNION'S STAND, MY EVALUATION IS THAT THERE IS NO CHANGE REGARDING ANYTHING CONNECTED WITH THE MIDDLE EAST IN RELATION TO THE NATURE OF THE SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE WAYS TO BE FOLLOWED TO ACHIEVE A SOLUTION--ACCORDING TO ITS ACCEPTED CONCEPT. WE SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY ILLUSIONS FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THESE EXAGGERATED, INACCURATE REPORTS.

(QUESTION) HAVE THE AMERICANS ENCOURAGED AND ARE THEY ENCOURAGING OUR CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION?

(ANSWER) THE MAIN CONSIDERATION IN THE ATTEMPTS TO FOSTER SUCH RELATIONS AND TIES WITH COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT HAVE OPEN CONTACTS WITH US IS, AND CONTINUES TO BE, AN ISRAELI CONSIDERATION, AND EVERYTHING IS GEARED TO THIS CONSIDERATION.

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(EXCEPT IF QUESTIONED) WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THE

INCREASE IN STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS IN THE GOVERNMENT--STATEMENTS WHICH OCCASIONALLY REVEAL DIFFERENT APPROACHES? CAN'T YOU CONTROL THIS AND RULE THAT POLITICAL DECLARATIONS ARE TO BE MADE ONLY BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND THE DEFENSE MINISTER?

(AMSTER) IS A PARLIAMENTARY COALITION BEHIND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS PARTIES SIT TOGETHER IN THE CABINET, AND AS LONG AS THE POLITICAL-SECURITY ISSUE IS THE MAIN ISSUE IN OUR LIVES, ONE SHOULD NOT EXPECT PARTIES NOT TO STRUGGLE AND NOT TO EXPRESS THEIR STAND. AT THE SAME TIME IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH BETTER IF THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS WHO EXPRESSED THEMSELVES ON THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN KEPT TO A MINIMUM--PARTICULARLY IN PERIODS IN WHICH IT IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE, BUT WITH THE SAME WORDING. IT IS ALSO VERY DESIRABLE TO HAVE THE PUBLIC DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS WHO ARE DIRECTLY CHARGED WITH HANDLING THE SUBJECT THEY ARE DISCUSSING.

QUESTION DO YOU FEEL THAT THE "GO TO EGYPT AND TO KISSINGER  
WAS STRENGTHENED THE LEADER'S POSITION AMONG THE PUBLIC?

(AMNER) IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO JUDGE, AND PERHAPS IT IS NOT DESIRABLE THAT I SHOULD BE THE ONE TO DECIDE THAT. AFTER ALL,

MY JUDGMENT IS LIABLE TO BE SUBJECTIVELY AFFECTED TO A CERTAIN EXTENT. BUT GENERALLY SPEAKING I DO NOT BELONG TO THOSE WHO MENTURE DREAMS OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AS A RESULT OF A CERTAIN STAND ON A CERTAIN SUBJECT. THIS IS NOT A ONE-DIME ACTION. THE PERIOD IS DIFFICULT. THE SUBJECTS ARE VERY COMPLEX AND COMPLICATED. THERE IS WORK FOR DEEP, BASIC, AND DIFFICULT PROBING--WITH PATIENCE AND WITHOUT LIGHTNING AND THUNDER.

WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR ME THAN THIS IS THAT AN ATMOSPHERE OF GREATER TRUST HAS DEVELOPED AMONG THE PEOPLE. PERHAPS THIS HAS LED TO GREATER BELIEF IN ME AND IN MY WAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, I THINK THAT THERE IS A CERTAIN SKEWNESS ABOUT THE PUBLIC. FOLLOWING THE SIGNS HAVE OF SATISFACTION, WITH AND STANDING TALL OVER THE ABILITY TO STAND FIRM ON ISRAEL'S VITAL MATTERS, A PERSISTENT QUESTION NOW COMES TO THE FORE: "WELL, WHAT COMES NEXT?"

I WILL CERTAINLY PREFER AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, WITH ALL THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH WOULD COME IN ITS WAKE AND WITH ALL THE INTERNAL ARGUMENT WHICH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY TAKE UP.

AS A RESULT OF OUR SINCERE ATTEMPT TO SECURE AN AGREEMENT  
THE SHAPING OF THE ENTIRE APPROACH, BOTH FROM LEFT AND THE

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LEAD, COVERED WITH AN OXYGEN-RESISTANT POLYMER, PREVENTS THE  
FACT THAT THE AIRWAY CAN BE BLOCKED. IT IS ALSO A CLEAR  
EVIDENCE THAT AN AIRWAY CAN BE BLOCKED ON ANY DAY TO BE  
RECOVERED.

17. FOLLLOWING THE FAILURE TO ACHIEVE THE AGREEMENT WE HAVE TO FACE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES BOTH IN THE SPHERE OF RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND RELATIONS WITH SOVIET, AN UNDESIRABLE SITUATION OF WHICH WE ARE TO BE AWARE THE GOVERNMENT. INSTEAD OF AN AGREEMENT WE CAN ONLY HAVE A BREAK UP. THERE IS THE ABILITY TO TELL THE ISRAELI PUBLIC THIS SIMPLE TRUTH, WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE, AN ELEMENT OF UNITY

AND STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE CITY POLICES THAT ARE IN STRUGGLE FOR AN  
IMPROVED POLICE IN ORDER THE INVESTIGATOR GIVES DESCRIPTION  
OF SUBJECT'S CHARACTER, HIS WAY OF LIFE AND HIS EMPLOYMENT)

(QUESTION) AS AGAINST THE ECONOMIC FAILURE AND THE SERIOUS APPREHENSION LIST THE UNITED STATES HOLD BACK ITS ECONOMIC AID FROM US. TO WHAT EXTENT DOES THE ARAB, THE NEW ISRAELI FIGHTER PLANE, EXPRESS THE INTEREST OF REDUCING OUR DEPENDENCE ON THE UNITED STATES?

(ANSWER) TO REMIND THE DEMANDER--THAT IS AN OLD ASPIRATION. BUT WITH ALL THE PRIDE IN OUR OWN AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE NATION, AND OVER THE OTHER NATIONS, WE STILL DEPEND FOR 80 TO 90 PERCENT OF OUR EQUIPMENT ON SUPPLIES FROM ABROAD. AND WHILE WE MUST CONTINUE AND INCREASE OUR DEPENDENCE ON LOCAL

PROSECUTION, AND DO NOT GET BUILT UP IN THE ILLUSION THAT IN THE CASE OF THE SOPHISTICATED DOCKET WEAPONRY FLOWING INTO

WANT CONVERTED INTO ARAB COUNTRIES, WE SHALL BE ABLE IN THE  
FUTURE TO GET THEM FROM U.S. ASSISTANCE IN

THE POWER OF A MASSIVE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO THE IDF. HE MAY PRIDE HIMSELF ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR MILITARY INDUSTRY, BUT IT IS

NOT TO BE RELEASED TO ANYONE WITHOUT THE WRITTEN AUTHORITY OF THE FBI

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(EXCERPTS) (QUESTION) RECENTLY THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE GLOOMY PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE AWAITING ISRAEL SHORTLY. WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THESE PREDICTIONS?

(ANSWER) AS LONG AS ISRAEL NEEDS TO ALLOCATE 40 PERCENT OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR DEFENSE, OUR ECONOMIC SITUATION WILL BE DIFFICULT. INDEED A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE DEFENSE BUDGET IS FINANCED WITH THE HELP OF LOANS AND GRANTS BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. BUT ISRAEL RETURNS THESE SUMS, INVESTING THEM IN

THE UNITED STATES TO BUY ARMS FOR THE IDF. SINCE THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A STRONG IDF WILL REMAIN FOR A LONG TIME, EVEN IF WE REACH POLITICAL SETTLEMENTS IN THE REGION, WE SHOULD NOT DELUDE OURSELVES INTO THINKING THAT OUR ECONOMIC SITUATION WILL IMPROVE QUICKLY.

THE STRUGGLE IS A LONG-TERM ONE. THE FOUNDING OF THE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE IS OUR UPPERMOST NEED. WHEN WE SPEAK ABOUT ECONOMIC POLICY AND THE EFFORTS TO REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON EXTERNAL SOURCES, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCUSS THIS APART FROM THE SOCIAL SET UP. THERE IS A CLOSE INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS. THERE IS A CONTINUOUS INFLUENCE HERE.

AS A RESULT OF THE DEADLOCK AND THE TRADITION IN PART OF THE SOCIAL-ECONOMIC SPHERE, THE VALUES AND CONCEPTS HAVE BEEN DISTORTED AND SERIOUS ABUSES HAVE OCCURRED. WITHOUT THEIR REEXAMINATION, WITHOUT A FUNDAMENTAL PROBING, WITHOUT A FAR-REACHING REFORM, WITHOUT THE ERADICATION OF THE NEGATIVE OCCURRENCES AND THE WRONG METHODS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF THE FULL FORCE INHERENT IN THE ISRAELI SOCIETY.

DESPITE THE GREAT APPRECIATION OF TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT IN ISRAEL BOTH IN THE SECURITY SPHERE AND IN OTHER SPHERES OF THE ACADEMIC AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS, THE MAIN BACKBONE FOR ISRAEL'S STRENGTH IS WHAT THE LATE BEN-GURION CALLED: THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE UNITY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE AS A UNIQUE PEOPLE. BUT ANYONE WHO IS CONTENT WITH THIS WORDING WOULD BE CHEATING HIMSELF. WE SHOULD REPEATEDLY EXAMINE WHATEVER NEEDS CORRECTING, CHANGING, AND SERIOUS TRIMMING.

(QUESTION) THE TERM "REFORMS" IS A VERY GENERAL NOTION.

(ANSWER) WELL YOU KNOW THAT I DO NOT BELIEVE IN WONDER MEDICINES. BUT THERE SHOULD BE A BEGINNING. WE MUST BEGIN TODAY, EVEN IF THE BEGINNINGS ARE MODEST. ONE REFORM WOULD BE TO SHAKE OFF INDIFFERENCE, PUBLIC NONCHALANCE, THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEGATIVE. THE PUBLIC MUST CARE AND BE ACTIVE. THE

PUBLIC SHOULD UNITE ITS VIGILANCE WITH THE STRENGTH INHERENT IN THE ISRAELI STATEHOOD--BUT IT SHOULD NOT RELY ON THAT ONLY. WE NEED ACTIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE SOCIETY WITH THE AIMS OF THE STATE. THIS IDENTIFICATION SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DAILY READINESS ON THE PART OF THE CITIZEN TO

COMBAT NEGATIVE OCCURRENCES, AND REJECT SMALL LIES WHICH GROW INTO BIG LIES AND INTOLERABLE ABUSES. THE KEY IS IN THE ACTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND HIS REFUSAL TO ACQUIESCE IN ABUSES. ANYONE WHO HAS A CRAFTSMAN COME TO HIS HOUSE TO CARRY OUT A REPAIR, AND WHO PERMITS THAT CRAFTSMAN TO DO A BAD JOB AND COLLECT AN EXCESSIVE WAGE, IS ACTUALLY ASSISTING ABUSE. ANYONE WHO PERMITS AN UNTRUE RECORDING OF KILOMETERS ON HIS CAR--IS ACTUALLY TAKING PART IN THE CHAIN OF LIES. THE OWNER OR A DIRECTOR OF A FUEL COMPANY WHO KNOWS THAT ALONG THE LINE OF MARKETING THERE IS SOMEONE WHO MIXES DIESEL FUEL WITH THE GASOLINE AND EARNS A GREAT DEAL OF ILLEGAL MONEY, BUT WHO REMAINS QUIET FOR FEAR THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO FIGHT THIS OCCURRENCE--THIS PERSON WILL BE OF NO VALUE AFTER WHEN HE CLAIMS ABUSES, DEFECTS, AND CORRUPTION IN OTHER SPHERES.

THIS COMFORT WHICH PEOPLE PERMIT THEMSELVES OF NOT FIGHTING THE NEGATIVE OCCURRENCES IN THEIR SURROUNDINGS OR OF ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THEM, WHILE TALKING ABOUT THE OCCURRENCES IN OTHER PLACES, AND COMPLAINING ON SABBATH EVE ABOUT THE "CORRUPT STATE"--THIS COMFORT IS THE SOURCE OF THE FOUL ATMOSPHERE AND THE FEELING OF HELPLESSNESS.

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(EXCERPTS) (QUESTION) BUT ALL THIS DOES NOT RELEASE THE ADMINISTRATION FROM ITS OBLIGATION TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN THIS FIELD.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERY CITIZEN IN ISRAEL TO KNOW THAT I AM WHOLEHEARTEDLY CONVINCED THAT EVERYONE WITHOUT EXCEPTION, NO MATTER WHAT HIS POSITION OR HIS IMPORTANCE, SHOULD BE HELD TO ACCOUNT FOR IMPROPER ACTS. THE EQUALITY OF EVERYONE BEFORE THE LAW SHOULD BE SO ABSOLUTE THAT EVERY ABUSE AND DEVIATION SHOULD BE EXPOSED PUBLICLY, AND THE MAN SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE EVEN IF THIS WOULD POLITICALLY HARM THE GOVERNMENT. WE WILL PUT INTO PRACTICE OUR BELIEF IN AND ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS DOMESTIC POSITION, OR EVEN ITS IMAGE ABROAD. THE GOVERNMENT WILL PUT INTO PRACTICE ITS BELIEF IN AND ADHERENCE TO THIS EQUALITY.

BECAUSE OF A DEFECTIVE CONCEPT IN ISRAELI SOCIETY THERE IS A PREFERENCE FOR SERVICES. THIS IS ACTUALLY A DANGEROUS MISCONCEPTION WHICH CALLS FOR URGENT RECTIFICATION.

WHEN I HEARD AND READ WHAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS DONE TO NURTURE THE WORKING AND PRODUCING MAN I THOUGHT THAT THIS ONLY SUITS A TOTALITARIAN SOCIETY. BUT WE MUST INSTILL IN THE PUBLIC'S MIND THE DEEP APPRECIATION FOR "THE HEROES OF WORK" AND PROVIDE THE WORKING MAN WITH DECENT LIVING CONDITIONS.

(QUESTIONS) CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN THE HISTADRUT ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH YOUR EVALUATION THAT "OUR TRADE UNIONS ARE AS ANTIQUATED AS THE GUILDS OF THE MIDDLE AGES."

(ANSWER) NOT ONLY DO I NOT INTEND TO OFFEND ANYONE: I EVEN APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE HISTADRUT'S CONTRIBUTION IN ALL SPHERES OF OUR LIFE, AND I CONSIDER IT A PRECIOUS ASSET. AT THE SAME TIME, I WANT US ALL TO LEARN WHAT CAN BE IMPROVED. THIS IS THE OBLIGATION OF ALL OF US. WE NEED ONE WORKERS COMMITTEE IN EVERY FIRM--A COUNCIL WHICH WOULD REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF ALL GROUPS OF WORKERS. WE NEED FARREACHING CHANGES IN THE REPRESENTATION OF THE VARIOUS WORKERS. FOR EXAMPLE, ALL THE WORKERS IN THE METAL INDUSTRY SHOULD BE ORGANIZED IN ONE TRADE UNION, WITH THE DIFFERENT NUANCES WITHIN THE UNION EXPRESSED BY THE DIFFERENT FACTIONS WITHIN IT.

(QUESTION) AND YOU AS A PRIME MINISTER, DO YOU INTEND TO TAKE ACTION TO INTRODUCE THE VARIOUS REFORMS?

(ANSWER) IF THE PRIME MINISTER DOES NOT OCCUPY HIMSELF WITH THESE THINGS THERE WILL BE NO PROGRESS IN THEM AND THE CORRECT EMPHASIS WILL NOT BE PLACED ON THEM. THE SMALL THINGS IN OUR LIFE ARE THE THINGS WHICH CREATE THE QUALITY OF OUR LIFE AND ITS MORAL LEVEL. THE EMPHASIS HAS NOT BEEN PLACED

ON THESE THINGS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS IN THE RIGHT WAY. WE  
BEGAN A SERIES OF LIES AND ABUSES. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO  
DELIVER SPEECHS ABOUT OUR HISTORIAL MISSION. WE HAVE BECOME  
ACCUSTOMED TO LIES, AND WE CONSIDER LYING A NATURAL ACT.

(QUESTION) IT IS SAID THAT ALL THIS BEGAN WITH LIES  
CONNECTED WITH INCOME TAX AND THAT LATER IT SPREAD TO OTHER SPHERES.

(ANSWER) WE SHALL NOT DISCUSS HERE WHERE THIS BEGAN, BUT WE SHOULD EXAMINE HOW WE CAN END IT. THE INCOME TAX REFORM WHICH WE INTEND TO INTRODUCE WILL BE, IN MY OPINION, A GREAT ACT WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO REHABILITATE OUR MORAL VALUES AND ELIMINATE LIES FROM OUR LIVES. I THINK THAT WE HAVE BEGUN TO TRAVEL ALONG THE RIGHT PATH.

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